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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DRS. HAROLD L. FALKENBERRY AND GEORGE HILL

1. DR. HAROLD L. FALKENBERRY, CHIEF, POWER RESEARCH STAFF, TVA, AND DR. GEORGE HILL, ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ARE MEMBERS OF U.S.-SOVIET WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY ESTABLISH UNDER MAY 24, 1972 U.S.-SOVIET S AND T AGREEMENT. FALKENBERRY AND HILL PLAN TO VISIT SOVIET COUNTERPARTS IN MOSCOW ABOUT AUGUST 12-23, 1974.

2. DRS. FALKENBERRY AND HILL WISH TO STOP OVER IN PRAGUE EITHER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR OR AFTER SOVIET JOURNEY IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INTEREST IN PROCESSES FOR CONVERTING COAL TO A CLEAN FUEL, EITHER LIQUID OR GAS. THEY UNDERSTAND THERE IS A VERY IMPRESSIVE INSTALLATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH UTILIZES BOTH LURGI AND WINKLER COAL GASSIFIERS AND PROCESSING OF RESULTING SYNTHETIC GAS INTO LIQUID FUELS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEEK APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR DRS. FALKENBERRY AND HILL FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AUTHORITIES AND INFORM DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY BY UNCLASSIFIED

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